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1. On 31 October 1951, an employee in the castle of Oranienburg (N 53/Z 67) stated that the same unit returned to the castle which had previously been quartered there. It was the headquarters of the tank unit stationed in Oranienburg. Many new recruits had allegedly been assigned to the headquarters units. [redacted] Lieutenant Colonel Zalogin (fnu) [redacted] believed to be the deputy commander of the headquarters unit. Trucks [redacted] were parked in the castle yard. (1) [redacted] the dilapidated building at the municipal castle would be reconstructed for Soviet purposes. Bids for this project had already been submitted.

2. Between 9 and 16 November, Russian women wearing uniforms with red-bordered black epaulets and tank insignia, but without rank insignia, were repeatedly observed in the SS Kaserne. [redacted]

3. [redacted]

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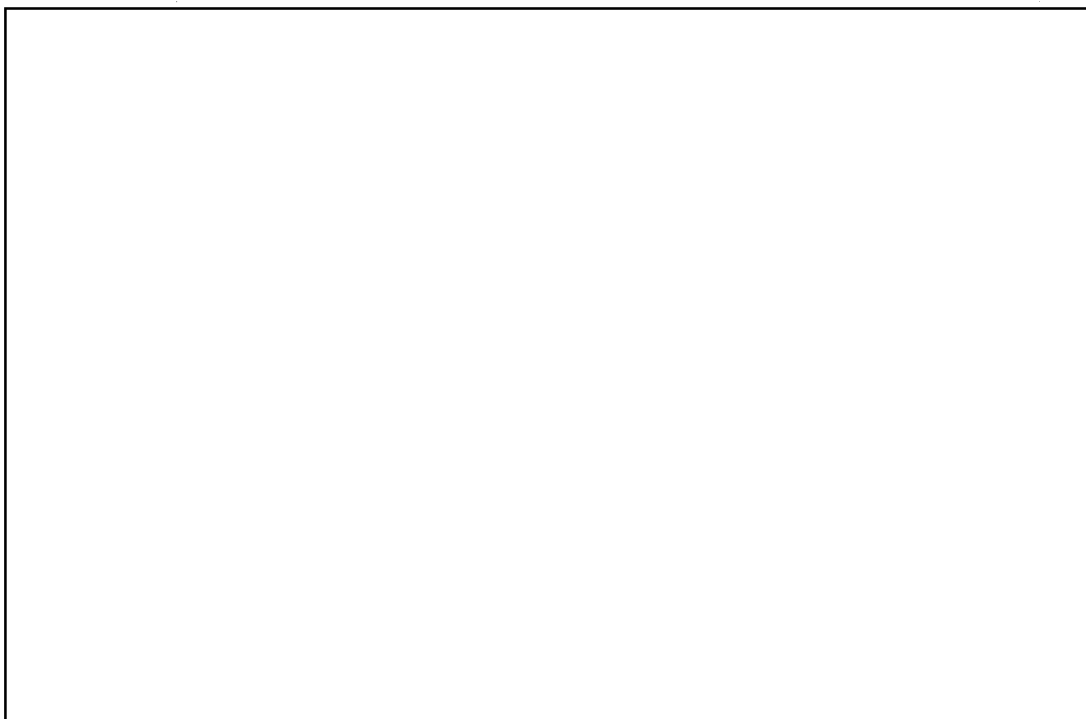
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25X1 On 30 October, the restricted Weisse Stadt area was occupied by about 600
25X1 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery
25X1 insignia. About 60 trucks were in the yard, and about 30 trucks and 15 x 76.2-mm
25X1 guns in a shed. One 100-mm AT gun was seen in front of a workshop. [redacted]

25X1 On 30 October, billeting equipment was unloaded from trucks [redacted]
25X1 [redacted] by soldiers of Unit Knochkov, a 76.2-mm AT artillery
25X1 regiment, in front of buildings Nos 7 and 8 in the restricted Weisse Stadt
25X1 area. Lieutenant Colonel Knochkov (fnu) went to the U.S.S.R. on a 15-day leave
25X1 on 31 October. A major was acting commanding officer thereafter. Trucks [redacted]
25X1 [redacted] were identified
25X1 at the quarters of the AT artillery unit. On 2 November, prime movers [redacted]
25X1 [redacted] towing 100-mm AT guns and carrying soldiers with full
25X1 equipment, arrived at the quarters of Unit Yakushin, a 100-mm AT artillery
25X1 regiment. The vehicles and guns were sheltered in garage No 29, and the
25X1 personnel went into building No 9. On 1 November, all female German employees
25X1 were discharged except for salesgirls in the Soviet HO commissaries, which
25X1 were supplied from Soviet depots. (6)

25X1 In early November, garages Nos 4, 5 and 6 of the SS Kaserne were filled with
25X1 trucks and tanks. Lieutenant Colonel Zemyenov (fnu) who rode in sedan [redacted]
25X1 [redacted] seemed to be the deputy commander of a tank unit. Trucks [redacted]
25X1 [redacted] were parked in front of the repair shop No 7 on 2
25X1 November. Ambulance [redacted] stood in front of the Dicke Villa, building No
25X1 138, which had been converted into a hospital, a military band and a unit
25X1 from 120 to 140 men used to pass in review before a colonel and his staff
25X1 every morning at 7:30 a.m. in front of building No 20. Radio truck [redacted]
25X1 with two 2-meter antennas was seen at the municipal castle on 12 November. (3)

6 On 5 November, a total of about 200 troops, who wore red-bordered black
epaulets, including some with motor transport insignia, were seen in the streets
of Oranienburg, marching in groups of 20 to 30 men under the command of NCOs.

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They seemed to be recruits. The following units were seen marching to the war memorial on Bernauer Allee between 10 a.m. and noon on 7 November:

A unit of 6 officers and about 80 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets, carrying a furred flag, coming from the municipal castle. A unit of 6 officers and about 70 men wearing black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia coming from the municipal castle. A lieutenant colonel wearing tank insignia walked beside the unit. (1)

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Four units of equal size with a total of 17 officers, including 1 lieutenant colonel, and about 240 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets, some with artillery insignia, coming from the Weisse Stadt settlement. A band in platoon strength and four uniformed girls were observed with the unit. (6)

Eight units, each of about 80 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia coming from the SS Kaserne. Two units, each of about 80 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets coming from the SS Kaserne. Two bands totaling about 40 men.

About 120 officers including 1 lieutenant colonel with tank insignia and 1 officer wearing red-bordered green epaulets. (3)

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Then the units arrived at the war memorial, twenty officers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were already there.

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9. In the middle of November, at the junction of the evacuated Jaegerstrasse and Schuetzenstrasse, a wooden fence was erected. (7) After the Kaiser factory had been vacated by Soviet troops, the scrap material laying there was hauled off on German trucks. (8)

10. A march column, which was seen moving from the Weisse Stadt settlement to the war memorial at 11:30 a.m. on 7 November, consisted of: an 11-piece band, 16 officers and about 200 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia. A lieutenant colonel walked beside the column. (6)

11. Vehicles which entered the SS Kaserne on 21 October included: 15 T-34/85 tanks, [redacted] and 6 trucks [redacted]

[redacted] The trucks were occupied by 15 to 20 men each. [redacted] the tank unit had been detrained at the Kremen railroad station. A tank senior lieutenant who went out to buy beer in sedan [redacted] said that the car belonged to his general. Twenty-six trucks which returned to the SS Kaserne from the summer camp on 28 October [redacted] were marked with white artillery insignia, and towed 10 model 1942 x 76.2-mm guns and 3 field kitchens. (9) The artillery unit had been detrained at the Cranienburg railroad station. Its personnel had occupied eight boxcars. The houses on Jaegerstrasse and those on the eastern end of Hubertusstrasse and Schuetzenstrasse were occupied by about 600 troops on 3 November. (7) [redacted] the installation was occupied to capacity by about 6,000 troops on 3 November. A total of about 150 tanks of types T-34/85, JS-1, JS-2 and JS-3 were noticed in the billeting area. On 6 November about 1,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia, were seen marching out of the SS Kaserne. The soldiers wore caps and overcoats but had no baggage or arms with them. They were loaded at the railroad station, with the train departing toward Kremen at about 3 p.m. (10) Some of the soldiers had been transported to the station on trucks [redacted] Vehicles seen driving from the Cranienburg railroad station to the SS Kaserne on 7 November included 6 trucks towing 6 field kitchens, and 2 JS-1 tanks [redacted]

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- 25X1 12. On 10 November, the municipal castle was occupied by about 600 troops who
 25X1 were red-bordered black epaulets, including some with signal insignia.
 25X1 Truck [] was identified. (1) The control of the Kaiser chemical
 25X1 factory, which has not been guarded since 5 November, was transferred to
 25X1 the steel and rolling mill in Hennigsdorf. []
- 25X1 [] Comments.
- (1) The castle is believed to house the Hq 25th Tank Div with headquarters units
 25X1 and the divisional signal battalion.
- (2) []
- (3) The information in paragraphs 2 to 7 furnishes no new data on the occupation
 of the large SS Kaserne. It is believed that only delegations of the units
 in the SS Kaserne participated in the ceremony on 7 November. If 10 units
 actually were present, as stated in paragraph 8, it can be concluded that
 the bulk of the 25th Tank Div with 4 regiments and 6 independent battalions
 are quartered there. Two of its tank regiments and the mortar regiment are
 in Prenzlau, and the signal battalion is in the Oranienburg castle. Therefore,
 the estimate of about 6,000 troops in the SS Kaserne, as stated in paragraph
 11, is given credence. However, it is doubted that 150 tanks were
 25X1 in the billeting area in view of the assumption that the 111th and the
 162d Tank Regts are carried there. The tanks observed were probably T-34s
 rather than JS tanks. For a sketch of the SS Kaserne, see annex.
- (4) A report of June 1951 mentioned one Semenov (fnu) as colonel and commanding
 25X1 officer of the 111th Tank Regt of the 25th Tank Div in Oranienburg. []
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 [] However, Gds Colonel
 25X1 Grudzeanishvili (fnu) who is reported for the first time, may be regimental
 commander and Semenov (fnu) his deputy. []
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- (5) []
- (6) It is doubted that the entire AT artillery brigade of the Second Cds Mecz
 Army, which is stationed in the restricted Teisse Stadt area, was back at its
 25X1 quarters by 30 October, because 600 troops would not be enough to make up
 25X1 a brigade headquarters and three regiments. This hypothesis is confirmed
 by information regarding the return of a component unit on 2 November.
 25X1 Lieutenant Colonel Krochkov (fnu) and Major Yakushin (fnu) are known []
 25X1 []
- (7) It has not been determined whether the troops who moved into the houses
 25X1 on Jaegerstrasse and Schuetzenstrasse, which were vacated in mid-October,
 25X1 belong to the units stationed in the SS Kaserne.
- (8) The information in paragraphs 9 and 12 regarding the transfer of the Kaiser
 25X1 factory to a civilian agency is reciprocally confirmatory.
- (9) []
- (10) Probably dischargees.

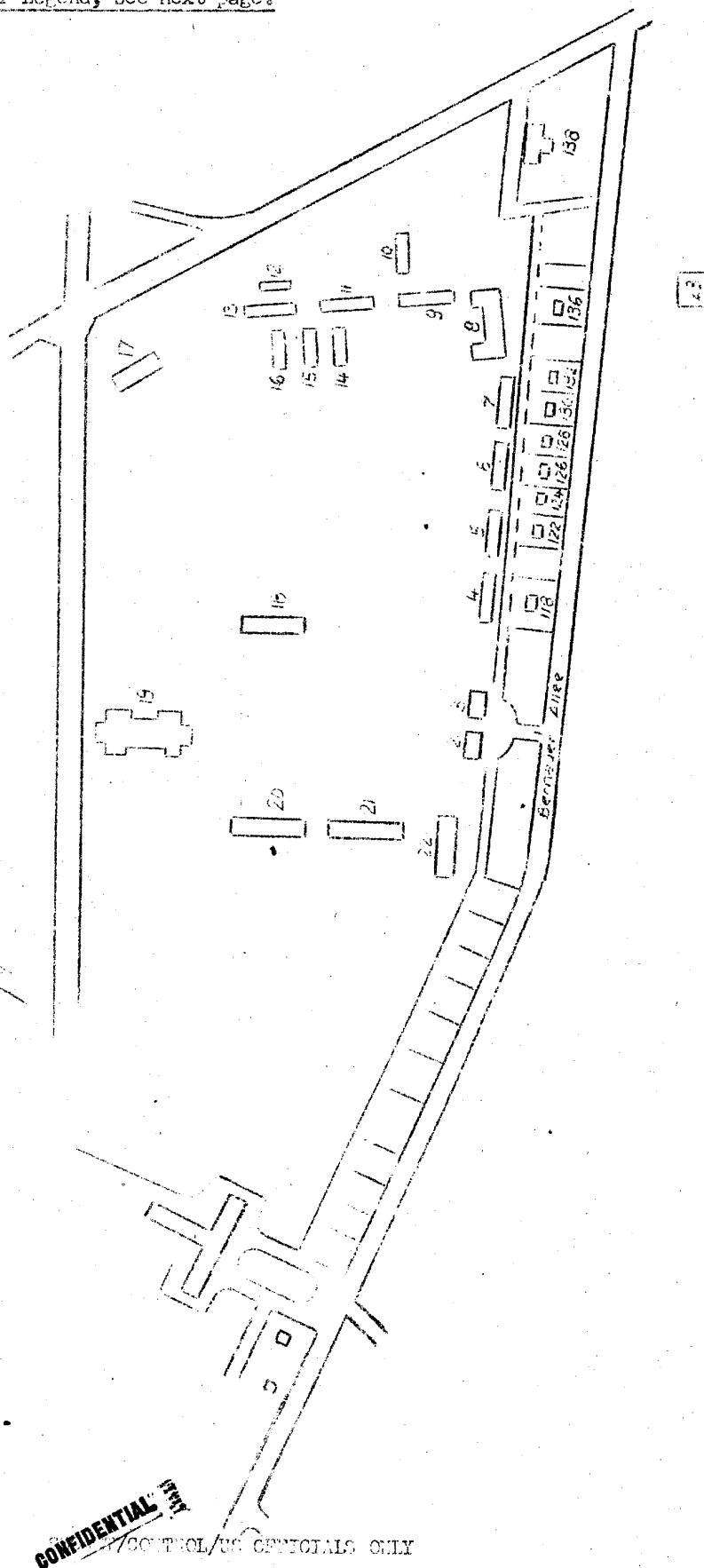
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SS Kaserne at OranienburgLegend:

1. Gate on Bernauer Allee.
- 2 and 3. Guard and administration building.
- 4 to 6. Garages, each containing 15 bays for tanks and trucks of the tank unit having an upright rhomb as tactical symbol.
7. Repair shop of the tank unit having an upright rhomb as tactical symbol.
8. Club for EM and NCOs.
- 9 to 13. Storage buildings.
- 14 to 16. EM quarters of the tank unit having an upright rhomb as tactical symbol.
17. Boiler house for the central heating system.
18. Semi-underground storage installation for gasoline and oil, projecting only 1.5 meters above the ground.
19. Kitchens and messes for several tank battalions.
- 20 and 21. EM quarters of an undetermined tank unit.
22. Headquarters and administration building.
23. Waldhaus Officers' mess.
- 118 - 138 house numbers on Bernauer Allee.

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